

'Wild Man of Borneo' Would Be at Home Among Snakes at the Museum Just Now

Consignment of 100 Reptiles and Lizards Has Been Received From Wilds of Borneo by Institution.

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By LEONARD ORMEROD.

If the renowned "Wild Man of Borneo," pining in this country for something to remind him of the old home jungles of his island where he first learned to chew raw meat, could visit the New National Museum here, where a consignment of 100 snakes, lizards and reptiles generally have just been received from the Borneo wilds, his untamed breast would thrill with joy.

There was a big thick "Acrochordus javanicus," six feet long, enough to make a stew for the whole family of the wild man. Tadpole lizards, a few small turtles, venomous land snakes and water snakes with latin names longer than themselves, and one genuine sea serpent, were just a part of the consignment.

He Roams About World.

The collection was received from Dr. W. L. Abbott, a wealthy American scientist who roams about the world in his private steam yacht picking up odds and ends of plant and animal life, of which a large portion finds its way to the National Museum.

Not many people outside of scientific circles know that the Government's collection of reptile specimens here is the largest to be found outside of Europe, and that the curators, biologists and others come long distances to the Capital to study them.

In a long, low room in the new building, not open to the general public, and suggestive of an old wine cellar, are more than 50,000 jars and bottles sitting on long shelves. Each contains one or more reptiles, some of them so small they might be taken for bugs, but each one labeled with its scientific "name and address" and all properly tabulated in the records of the Museum. They are preserved in grain alcohol, and three barrels of this are used every year in picking new specimens.

To Richard G. Paine, in charge of the reptile division, falls the task of identifying and sorting the specimens as they come in from every quarter of the globe. Mr. Paine to call him "Doctor" brings a frown and "Professor" makes him violent. He looks a strange serpent in the eye, counts its teeth and the number of scales on its tail, and tells its age, antecedents, food habits, education, habitation, friends, enemies, and real name.

Can Give Facts.

By a slightly different inspection he can give you the same knowledge concerning a tadpole, lizard, Gila monster, turtle, terrapin, horned toad, bullfrog, or other reptile. Having only \$2,000 and some odd specimens under his care, he is constantly on the alert for a new kind of animal, and when one turns up his joy is unbounded.

Mr. Paine is more than biologist, however. He has an enviable place as a sculptor and plastic modeler, snakes and lizards being his favorite subjects. To this end he usually has a few live snakes on hand, and in his room at the Museum he now has a six-foot boa constrictor and an anaconda, a little more than five feet long. He could make a good living as a snake charmer, for he can take his "pets" and handle them

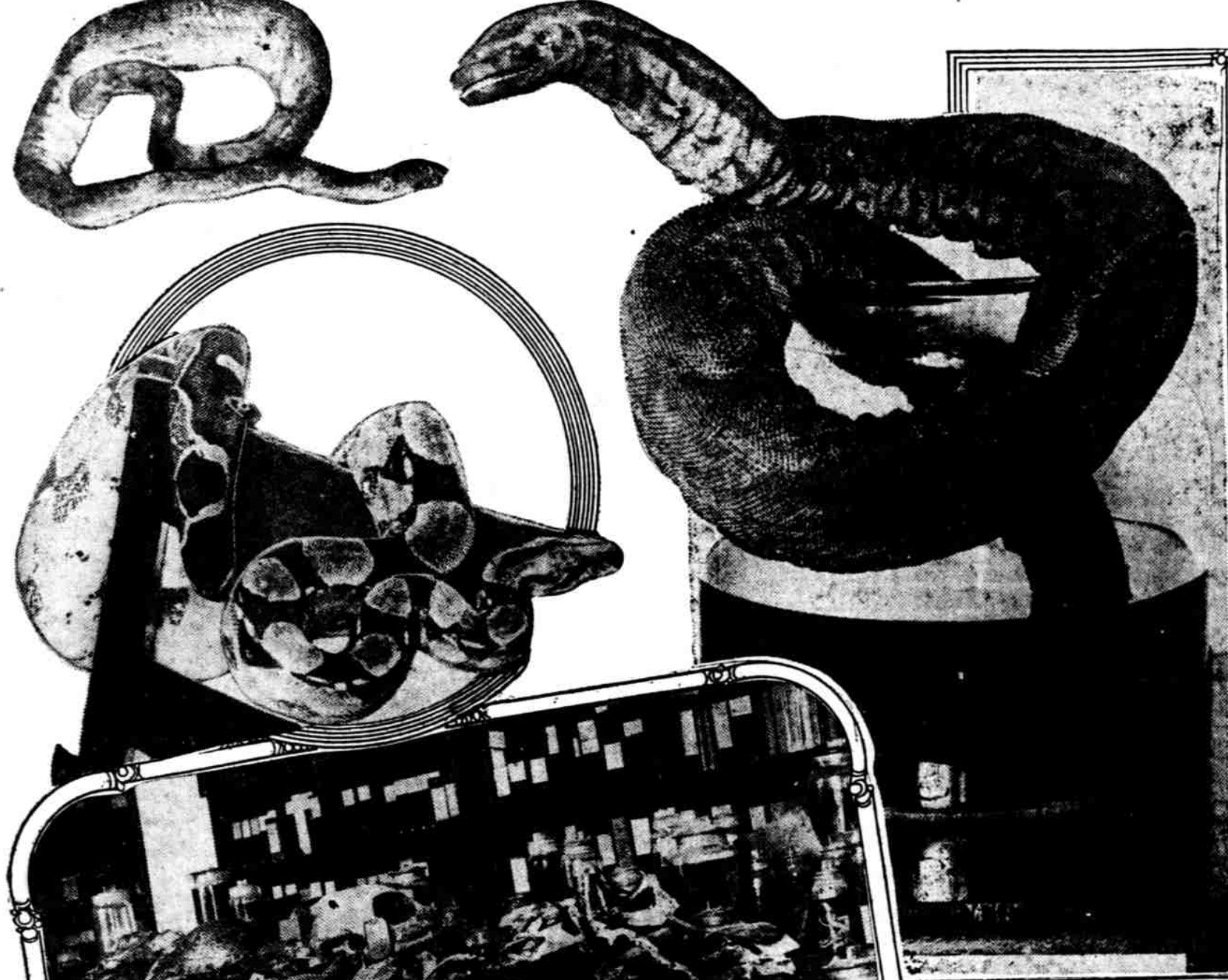


PHOTO BY THOMAS
Peculiar Borneo Snake, "Acrochordus javanicus," Nearly Six Feet Long.

Upper picture—Sea serpent, known as the "Disteira." It is venomous.
Center picture—Pet Boa Constrictor which Museum expert uses as a model for work in plaster and bronze.
Lower picture—A pile of specimens, mostly turtle skeletons, as they come to the National Museum from all over the world, on top in the center being the skull of a gigantic leather-back sea turtle.

with a familiar manner that would fill a sideshow tent in ten minutes. "What is the greatest popular fallacy about snakes?" the interviewer asked him as he sat in the big room on the south side of the Museum in the midst of turtle shells, jars of "rattlesnake" reptiles and skeletons from all over the world.

"The belief that most snakes are dangerous," was the prompt answer. "The only native poisonous snakes we have are the rattlesnake, which there are several species; the copperhead, the water moccasin, and the little harlequin snake of

the South. All of these are easily recognized and the others should not be harmed."

"But don't the harmless snakes destroy bird life?"

"Not to the extent that they destroy pearls. Mice and rats are a favorite food of snakes, and the birds they kill do not affect the number of songsters. Most people who get sick from a snake bite do so through fear. I have seen the arm of a person swell after they were bitten by a perfectly harmless snake, simply because they were

terror stricken. I never handle poisonous snakes, but I am frequently bitten by harmless ones."

"And what do you do for them?"

"I promptly forget about it, just as though I had accidentally stuck a needle in my hand."

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Gaithersburg, were married in Washington yesterday.

An open meeting of the Rockville Inter-Church, at the home of Mrs. John Henderson, was one of the interesting events of the week in Rockville. A feature of the program was an address by Mrs. M. S. Rankin, of Baltimore, secretary of the Consumers' League of Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reading and their little daughter have returned to Washington after spending the greater part of the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lyddane and children, of Washington, spent the week at the home of Mr. Lyddane's mother, Mrs. Fannie Lyddane.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Waring Evans, of Washington, are visiting here.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS.

The tournament that is to be held here tomorrow under the auspices of the Catholic Church promises to be a very successful affair. The titling will begin shortly after noon and the ball and crowning of the queen and maids will be held in the evening in the town hall. Former mayor Charles L. Sweeney is in charge of the affair.

Work on the new school house has been suspended temporarily because of the lack of iron beams, but it is expected the construction will be resumed early next week.

Miss Peabody, Artist,

2 Days in French Jail

PARIS, Sept. 6.—Miss Peabody, a well-known artist, of Boston, has just been liberated from the fort of Mont Valerien, where she was imprisoned as a spy.

Miss Peabody was painting a picture of a sunset near Point du Jour, a Paris suburb, when she was arrested. It took two days' exertion on the part of George Washington Hall to secure her release, and she left for home today.

Thousands upon thousands of people go to church every Sunday morning, but in the afternoon and evening they read the news and the advertising in The Sunday Evening Times.

LOCAL MENTION.

Miss Myrtle M. Spangler, daughter of Mrs. Estelle E. Spangler, formerly of Germantown, and Robert L. Murphy, of

Beer and Wine to Bear

Greatest Tax Increase

Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee wangled several hours yesterday afternoon over the proposed bill to raise \$100,000,000 annually in additional revenue, and finally adjourned to meet again Tuesday. When the conference adjourned it had been practically decided that beer and wines shall contribute the greater portion of the needed revenue, and that there shall be no tax on railroad tickets and gasoline.

Members are now considering a proposal to tax magazines and the Sunday magazine supplements of newspapers. It is about settled that moving picture films, rather than tickets to "movie" theaters, shall be assessed.

The added tax on beer, according to present plans, will not exceed 6 cents per barrel. Such a tax, it is estimated, will produce from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually. Soft drinks and proprietary medicines are slated for a tax, and a 15 cents per gallon increase on whiskey is on the debatable list. There is little likelihood that the Democrats will resort to a stamp tax on bank checks and other commercial papers.

Chairman Underwood said the tentative tax list showed about \$75,000,000 in revenue, and other items will be added Tuesday.

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—PROMPT DELIVERY

Write or phone to consumers supplied.

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Wholesalers, 11th and M Sts. S. E.

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LAND OF THE SKY

Exceptional opportunity for a two weeks' vacation in the Mountains of North Carolina, the picturesque section of America. Many attractive resorts, including

Asheville, Ridgecrest, Brynrd.,

Waynesville, Balsam, Tryon,

Hot Springs, Hendersonville, Saluda,

Black Mountains, Lake Tawawee, Flat Rock.

\$10 FOR THE ROUND TRIP \$10

Special train leaves Washington 5:55 p. m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Arriving Asheville 10:05 a. m., Saturday, September 19.

Through Pullman Sleeping Cars and Day Coaches, Southern Railway Dining Car Service.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, and detailed information, apply ticket offices, 705 15th st. and 905 F st. n. w.

THE BEST SEASON IN "THE LAND OF THE SKY" IS ALL THE YEAR.

ITALY DUE TO JOIN WITH ALLIES TODAY

London Hears General Mobilization of Victor Emmanuel's Army Is Expected.

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Civilians provided with proper passports and were conveyed by a special train chartered in the usual way by a local German firm.

A dispatch to the Evening News from Athens says:

"German officers and men who ar-

rived at Constantinople were taken immediately aboard ships off San Stefano. Their destination remained a secret.

"The former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau are still at Tounet, in the Gulf of Ismid, where they are undergoing repairs.

"It is reported that the Turkish naval officers in council decided that an active participation in the war was inexpedient so far as the fleet was concerned."

A message from Constantinople dated August 31, says the ambassadors of Turkey to the powers of the entente, Great Britain, Russia, and France, yesterday renewed in a more formal non-communication made to the grand vizier on August 17 guaranteeing the independence and integrity of the Ottoman empire against all comers should Turkey observe strict neutrality in the European war.

The ambassadors of these three powers are continuing their efforts with the ports with the object of obtaining the repatriation of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau.

A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram

Company, dated August 31, declares that the idea of a fresh war is distasteful to Turkey. Even among the army there appears to be lack of enthusiasm. Practically all business has been suspended, and distress is beginning to be sorely felt.

The number of German officers and men now in Constantinople is over 2,000, the correspondent goes on. The fresh arrivals are being either drafted into the navy or sent to the forts along the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, the entrances to which already have been mined.

German reports of recent successes against the British and the French armies are being exploited in Constantinople the utmost by the German embassy.

In anticipation of the possibility of Turkey going to war, British, French, and Russian residents are beginning to send their families away. Already a number of English families in Smyrna have gone to Mytilene, on the island of Lesbos, for greater safety.

In conclusion, the Reuter correspondent says that the value of German gold placed at £120,000 (\$600,000).

Only One Way to Assure an 8-Hour Business Day in Practically 5 Hours—and That Is the Method We Employ Monday From 8:15 A. M. to 1 P. M.—

Stupendous Savings For Half Day On Merchandise You Most Need!

Half Day Monday
JEWELRY
At 10c
Values up to \$1.
At this low price we offer half day Monday Bar Pins, Beauty Pins, Hat Pins, Santors, Cut Steel Buckles, Rings or Long Cuffs. Chains, all at the one low price—choice, 10c.
Buy several pieces of jewelry Monday before 1 p. m.
Main Floor—Jewelry Section.

420 TO 430 7th ST.
LANSBURGH & BRO.
417 TO 425 8th ST.
HALF DAY MONDAY
SILK JERSEY-TOP PETTICOATS for \$1.95
Values \$2.95
Very unusual is this half day offering! Extra fine silk-jersey top Petticoats, with messaline pleated flounce, especially suitable for wear with the new fall gowns at \$1.95.
Choice of leading colors and black. Main Floor—Bargain Tables.

Half Day Monday
Samples of 25c to 39c Women's Neckwear at 15c
Choice of Vests and Gladstone Collars, in many different styles, and only two or three of a kind; Gimpes of net; Embroidery Collars in square shapes.
Main Floor—Bargain Tables.

Our Leader 40-In. Silk Crepe de Chine

That Boy's Blue Serge Suit at Fast Colors \$3.98 All Wool

Good \$1.69 Value at, Yd. \$1.29

Here's an offering that will interest many women.

We offer Silk Crepe de Chine in 40-inch width, such colors as navy, brown, Alice, royal, Copenhagen, reseda, myrtle, olive, gray, taupe, mais, nile, wistaria, copper, mulberry, white, cream, ivory and black, at \$1.29 a yd.

Buy a dress length while the low price prevails—until 1 p. m. Monday.

Main Floor—8th St. Rotunda—Silks.

Half Day Offerings
Fabric Gloves
Women's Long Chamollette Gloves, 16-button lengths, in ponce, white and gray; regular 50c value. Half day tomorrow, 39c a pair.

Half Day Offerings
Domestics
Linen Finish Sheets, size 72 by 96-in, welded seam, extra quality. Special half day tomorrow, 42c only.

Half Day Offerings
HOSIERY
Women's Black Silk Lisle Hosiery, extra sheer with reinforced double garter top, soles, heels, and toes. Imported to sell at 50c a pair. For half day tomorrow, 29c a pair, only.

Half Day Offerings
Domestics
Linen Finish Pillowcases, size 42 by 36-in, special half day Monday, each 10c.

Half Day Monday
75c Stamped Kimono

For Gowns 46c

These are the famous and well-liked Royal Society Stamped Kimono Gowns, on fine quality nainsook and stamped in the best French and eyelet designs, and offered for the half day at 46c.

New Lace-trimmed and Embroidered Scarfs, also some with hemstitched edge; size 18x50 in. and worth 39c. Half day tomorrow, only, 23c.

Main Floor—Bargain Tables.

Half Day Monday
25c Colored Wash Goods 12 1/2c

An offering that women who admire quality wash goods will appreciate.

Choice of 40-in. Egyptian Voiles, in light and dark colors.

40-in. Crepe Cloth, in light grounds, with small patterns.

27-in. Mercerized Poplins, in a variety of colors and black.

27-in. Imported Tissues and Voiles.

27-in. Crepe Suitings, in plain colors.

27-in. Fancy English Crepes.

36-in. Woven Stripe Madras.

Main Floor—8th St. Rotunda—Wash Goods.

Half Day Offerings in
Blankets & Comforts

Prepare for chilly nights with warmer bedding:—
White Wool Blankets—famous "Lansburgh" make, and a value unequalled in Washington; woven of finest materials, and very durable. Choice of dainty blue or pink borders. Worth all of \$6.98. Special \$5.00 here at.

Lamb's Wool and Down Comforts, covered with either saten or cambric, some with 5-in. plain silk borders. \$5.98. Special \$3.98.

4th floor—Bedding.

Half Day Monday
Housework Corsets

For \$1.00

This is a well-known and well-liked corset. Made of coutil, double boned, and fitted with strong hose supporters; sizes 26 to 36.

"H. & W." Brassieres of fine muslin, reinforced underarms and trimmed with embroidery and inserting; hook front. Special 25c value tomorrow at.

Main Floor—Bargain Tables.

Half Day Monday
Untrimmed Velvet Hats

For \$1.95 Worth \$2.50

All the new shapes brought out this season are included in tomorrow's offering at \$1.95. Choose from fifty small, close fitting turbans, sailors, and Gainsborough effects. We say worth \$2.50, but some stores are asking \$3.00 for like qualities.

These are all silk velvet hats in black, royal, green, navy, and brown.

2d floor—Millinery Section.

Anacostia, Hyattsville, Rockville

ANACOSTIA.

The Rev. Father Leo J. Fealy celebrated his first mass this morning in St. Teresa's Church. He is a former resident of this suburb.

A special service is to be held in the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church tonight, when members of Anacostia Council No. 10, B. O. E. F., will attend in a body. The Rev. J. B. North, former pastor of this church, and a charter member, Anacostia, will address the gathering. Members of the council will assemble at the Marine Hall and march to the church in a body, headed by Ladue E. McGill, councilor.

The Altar Boys' Club of St. Teresa's Church brought its annual lawn party to a close last evening, after a successful run of several days. The proceeds will be used to reduce the debt on the school building in V street.

The improvement of Minnesota avenue between Good Hope road and Pennsylvania avenue is desired by the citizens of that vicinity, and at the next session of Congress an effort will be made to get an appropriation for it.

The high wall at the south end of Logan Park is still the cause of much complaint on the part of all citizens of this suburb, and when the next session of Council resumes its meetings on Wednesday night this matter is likely to again come before it.

HYATTSVILLE.

The various organizations of Lanham have got aside September 12 as "Federal Day" and have planned an interesting program for the entire day and evening. The morning and evening exercises will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the basket picnic will be held in the grove near the Lanham public school and the games on the tennis court and fields. Each family is to bring its own luncheon, and enough for one or two more. The program for the day is as follows: 9:30 to 10 a. m., statement of community problems, by the Rev. George W. Rice; 10 to 11 a. m., "The Church as a Permanent Factor," by various speakers from the Young Men's Christian Association; 11 to 12 o'clock, "The Study Club," papers by Mrs. J. M. Westgate, Mrs. John Weaver and Mrs. Edgar Barron; 1 to

ROCKVILLE.

On the rooftop that he was ejected from the amusement park at Glen Echo without sufficient provocation, William J. Lynch, of Washington, has filed suit in the circuit court here against the Glen Echo Park Amusement Company for \$5,000. He alleges that on September 1 while engaged in taking a picture of his family in the amusement park he was forcibly ejected from the grounds by agents of the amusement company.

Miss Fannie Virginia Flere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Flere, of Highland Howard county, and John T. Thompson, of Ednor, this county, were married today in the Episcopal Church at Olney, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. The officiating minister was the Rev. H. H. Marsden, rector of the church.

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F. F. V. Lunch, 1008 Pa. Ave., is giving patrons tickets Virginia Thea, That's all.